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SUBJ: EVACUATION OF AMERICANS AND OTHER NATIONALS FROM
PHNOM PENH

REF: A. STATE 086506; B. BANGKOK 6489; C. BANGKOK
6504

1. IN ABSENCE ICRC PRESIDENT GALLOPIN, MISOFF MET
APRIL 16 WITH ICRC DIRECTOR OPERATIONS HOCKE TO
REQUEST ICRC PROTECTION FOR AMCITS IN PHNOM PENH IN
EVENT THEY UNABLE LEAVE CITY PRIOR ENTRY OF KHMER ROUGE.

2. HOCKE REPORTED ESTABLISHMENT OF "SECURITY ZONE"
IN LE PHNOM HOTEL UNDER AUSPICES OF ICRC. ACCORDING
HOCKE "SECURITY ZONE" IS OPERATING UNDER DIRECTION
ICRC DELEGATE PASQUIER. ICRC GENEVA HAS RADIO CONTACT
WITH "SECURITY ZONE" AND RED CROSS MEDICAL TEAM
(BRITISH) IS FUNCTIONING THERE. HOCKE STATED THAT
DUAL PURPOSE OF "SECURITY ZONE" IS TO PROVIDE CARE
AND ASSISTANCE TO SICK AND WOUNDED, AND TO PROVIDE
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PROTECTION TO FOREIGN CIVILIANS. HOCKE READILY AGREED
TO INSTRUCT PASQUIER TO ACCEPT AND EXTEND PROTECTION
IN "SECURITY ZONE" TO AMCITS.

3. HOCKE MENTIONED THAT UN SEC GEN WALDHEIM IS ENDEAVORING MAKE LE PHNOM HOTEL AN INTERNATIONAL SAFETY ZONE UNDER UN AUSPICES. COMMENT: DEPARTMENT MAY WISH URGE UN TO CEASE AND DESIST IN THIS INSTANCE FOR FEAR OF UPSETTING EXISTING ARRANGEMENT. CARE OF SICK AND WOUNDED AND PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS IN CONFLICT SITUATIONS IS TRADITIONAL ROLE OF ICRC WHICH THAT ORGANIZATION CAPABLE HANDLING MOST EFFECTIVELY.

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